

November 2, 1972

Mrs. E. Gensmer

Services for Mrs. Ella Gensmer, 85, former Stratford resident who resided with her daughter, Eleanor Zito, at the Tiffany Apartments at 14 6th Ave., S.W., in Aberdeen, were held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 27, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Stratford.

The Rev. R.A. Giese officiated and burial was in the East Rondell Cemetery.

She died Monday, Oct. 23, at Dakota Midland Hospital.

Music was provided by David Suelitz, soloist, who sang "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come," and "What A Friend We Have In Jesus," accompanied by Harold Brettag, organist.

Pallbearers were Alvin Von Wald, Milton Von Wald, Gordon Gerharter, August Radke, all of Stratford; Robert Stange, Columbia; and Delbert Schley, Selby. Ushers were LaVerne Schley and Verlin Stange.

Ella Louise Gensmer was born March 14, 1887, on a farm near Ferry in Dakota Territory. For many years she was the church organist and choir director for the Stratford Lutheran Church. She married Adolph Schley on Dec. 20, 1914, and the couple farmed east of Stratford until his death in 1918 when she moved to Aberdeen and lived with her mother for several years.

On May 9, 1921, she was married to William Gensmer at Aberdeen, and the couple farmed near Stratford. Later they moved to Seattle, Wash., where they made their home with their son Theodore. For the past six years, Mrs. Gensmer had lived with her daughter in Aberdeen. Mr. Gensmer died August 16, 1971.

She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Aberdeen.

Survivors include one son, Melvin Schley of Seattle; three daughters, Mrs. Eleanor Zito of Aberdeen, Mrs. Robert (Mildred) Hoeft of Warner and Mrs. Albert (Arlene) Hoeft of Seattle; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and one brother, Irvin Gensmer, Minneapolis.

She was preceded in death by both husbands, one brother, one son and one grandson.